

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the claims are subject to a restriction requirement based on the belief that the inventions of certain claim groups are distinct. The Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-18 and 38-43), with traverse. Claims 19-30 (Group II) and claims 31-37 (Group III) are withdrawn, without prejudice to rejoin if merited at a latter stage of prosecution.

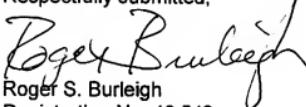
The Applicant does not believe the inventions of Groups II and III are distinct from that of Group I because the inventions defined by each group cannot be practiced without also requiring the practice of the invention defined by each other group. The invention of Group I, as reflected in claim 1, requires a **gateway packet data node** and a **packet data support node**. The gateway packet data node comprises security indication providing means for providing a security indicated access point with a security criterium indication and for distributing said security criterium indication to said packet data support node, and the packet data support node comprises a security enforcement mechanism, for preventing all other traffic not fulfilling the security criterium indication associated with said security indicated access point when there is a connection requiring security over the security indicated access point, at least until the last packet of the security indicated access point connection has been sent. The invention of Group II (as reflected in claim 19) is directed to the **packet data support node** of the same functionality as that element as recited in claim 1; similarly, the invention of Group III (as reflected in claim 31) is directed to a **gateway packet data node** of the same functionality as that element as recited in claim 1. The security indication shared by the two nodes requires that they be used in combination and, thus, they are not separately usable. Accordingly, the Applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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